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SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Bruning. We're now back to the committee amendment, FA824, part four of the divided question. Open for discussion. Senator Bruning, your light is on.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you probably, many of you, have received correspondence and telephone calls from your county attorneys, from law...local law enforcement about the problems with this particular section. What it boils down to basically, and I'm reading from a letter from Gary Lacey here in Lancaster County, Lincoln Police Department spent around \$15,000 to construct and equip its interrogation facility. Under this bill, they'd be required to build an additional room. Currently, Lincoln street officers don't have personal tape recorders. I think that premise applies to law enforcement in a number of communities, don't have personal tape recorders. To equip each officer with a sturdy and reliable recorder would cost \$250 an officer. Extrapolate that not just in Lancaster County, where the county attorney, Gary Lacey, said it would be \$65,000 cost, extrapolate that throughout the state and you're talking hundreds of Because of that, and I could go into thousands of dollars. further detail about the lack of clarity in this particular section, I think we need to defeat this part of the bill. Think the intentions were good, but it needs to be much tighter for law enforcement to know exactly what it is they need to do. Custodial interrogation, for example, has been defined by the courts, but custodial interrogation and questioning has not. when you look at this, the lack of clarity, the problems it could cause for law enforcement, it strikes me that we need to defeat this part of the amendment and move the bill forward. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bruning. Senator Stuhr, on FA824.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I also am opposing this amendment and encourage the body to oppose the amendment for some of the following reasons. We had some of this discussion yesterday. The sections that are